### **Workshop Agenda**

- 6:00 PM Welcome
- 6:05 PM Updates
- 6:15 PM Presentations
- 6:55 PM Break-out Sessions
- 7:30 PM Report on Discussions
- 7:55 PM Conclusions/Next Steps





#### **Discussion Topics**

January: Mission and Goals

February: Existing Conditions/Recent Trends

March: Off-Street Parking

April: On Street Parking/Loading

May: Bicycle/Traffic Calming

June: Traffic Calming

July: Public Transportation

August: Public Transportation

September: Highway Connections

TONIGHT: HIGHWAY CONNECTIONS



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#### **BTD Roles and Responsibilities**

- Traffic Signal Operations
- Parking Management
   & Enforcement
- Evaluation of Private Bus Route Requests
- Interagency Coordination





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## **Shuttle Buses Serve Different Niche Markets**

SERVICE	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES
Transit Shuttles	MBTA transit stations to:	
	- Employment centers	Fidelity Investments
	- Shopping Centers	South Bay Mall
	- University Campuses	University of Mass./Boston
	- Residential Developments	Museum Towers
Parking Shuttles	Off-site parking to employment	Longwood Medical Area
	center	United States Postal Service
Hospital Services	Hospital to remote health	Massachusetts General
	centers	Boston Medial Center
Campus Circulation	On-campus locations	Boston University
	Campus to campus	Boston College
	Campus to off-campus	
Corporate Shuttles	Office to office	FleetBoston
		Gillette





### **Shuttle Bus Operators use Standard Transit Bus and Smaller Mini-buses**





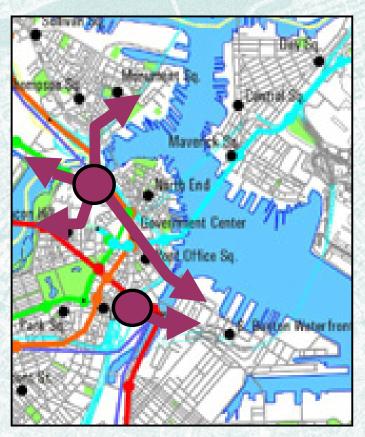


- Standard Transit-type
   Bus with 36-44 Seats
- Mini-bus & "Cut" Vans with 22-26 Seats
- Modified Vans with 12-15 Seats





### North and South Stations Are Popular Shuttle Bus Hubs



#### **NORTH STATION**

- Canal St./Causeway St.
- South Boston Waterfront
- Charlestown Navy Yard
- Cambridge

#### **SOUTH STATION:**

- Dorchester Ave. (Fed. Res.)
- South Boston Waterfront





# BTD Approach to Improve Shuttle Bus Management

- Consolidation of Routes through TMAs
- Relationship to New Transit Services (e.g., Silver Line)
- Opportunities for New Connections (e.g., Neighborhood Shopper Shuttles)
- Route and Stop Requirements



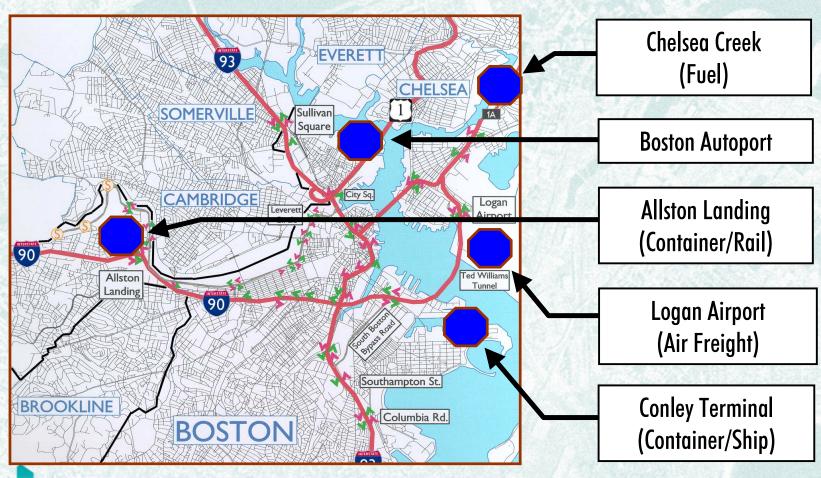


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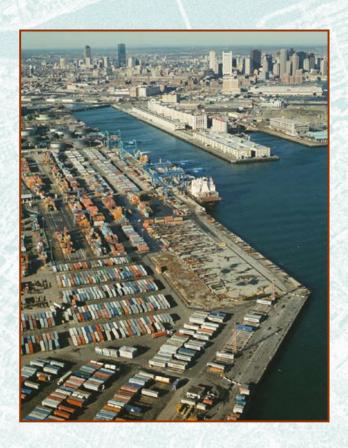
### Intermodal Freight Centers Are Located At Port and Rail Facilities







# City Streets Connect Intermodal Freight Centers with Highways



- Protect Residential Neighborhoods from Truck Traffic
- Provide Access to the Working Port & Other Industrial Areas



#### **Desired Characteristics** for Truck Routes

- Convenient access to and from highways, local destinations
- Physical separation from residential areas
- Ability to avoid heavy congestion
- Appropriate roadway geometry and pavement conditions



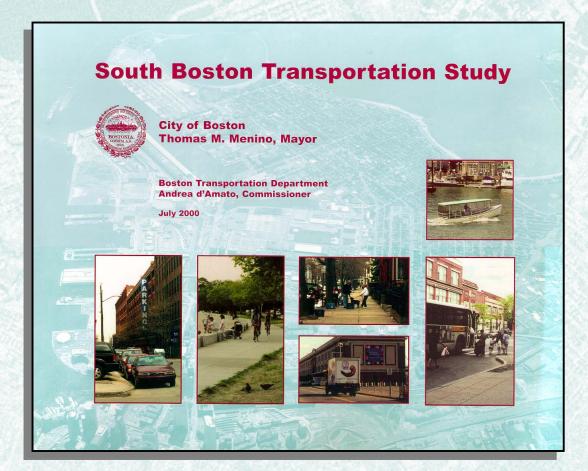


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#### Case Study: South Boston Truck Routes





#### **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**

- Use of technology to improve transportation operations
- Reliance on telecommunications for realtime information
- Improved operator information and management
- Improved user information and convenience





#### **Examples of ITS Measures**

- Traffic monitoring and signal operations
- Driver information in vehicle and by the side of the road
- Transit system operations
- Travel information systems (e.g., online, at station)
- Smart cards





# BTD to Convene Technology Group to Investigate ITS Approaches











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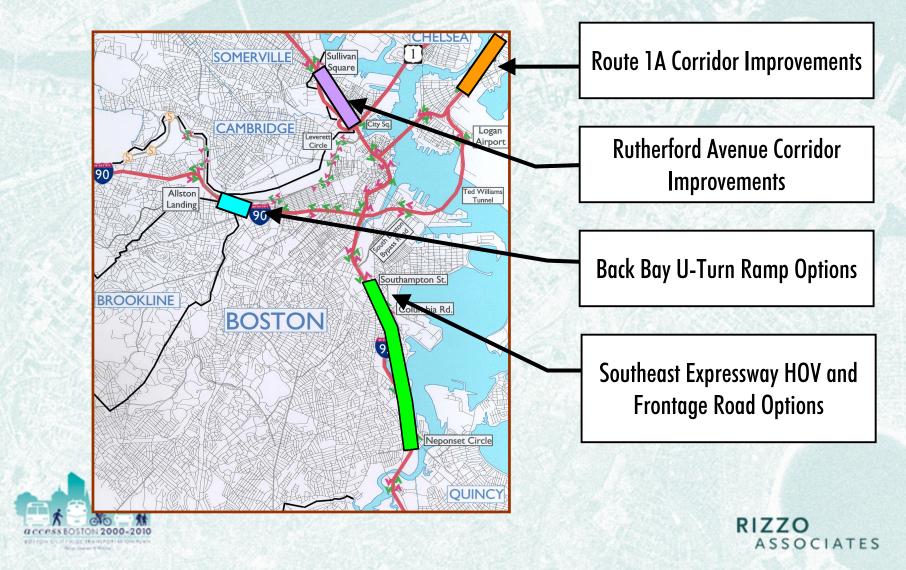
# Next Generation Roadway Projects: Principals and Objectives

- Reduce traffic on local streets
- Support transit / HOV over SOV use
- Enable efficient use of "existing" regional highway system
- Identify bottlenecks, opportunities for ITS implementation
- Corridor enhancements for multi-modal use
- Address incident-related congestion





# Corridor Improvements Could Reduce Impacts on Local Streets

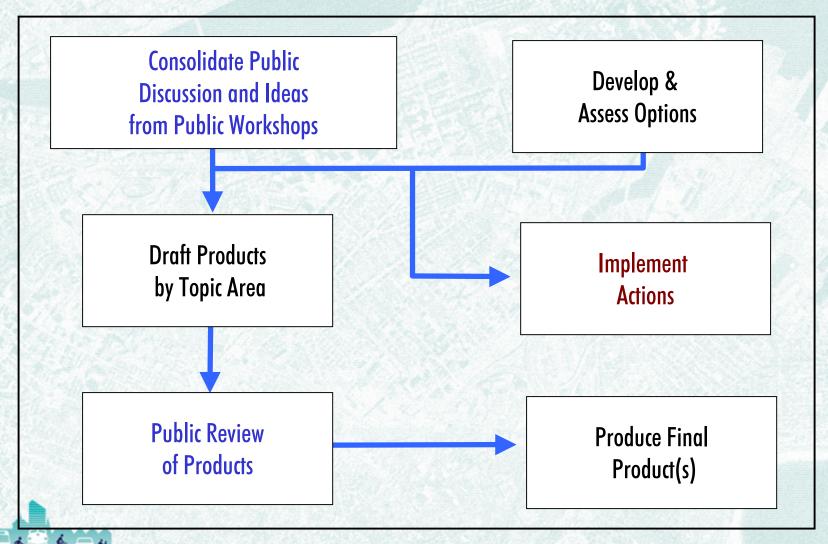


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#### **Next Steps**





## Proposed Schedule for Public Review of Products

DATE	ACTION	
Starting November	Products made available on the Internet and at Public Libraries throughout the city. (As products are completed)	
Starting November	Inter-agency meetings for each topic/product	
Starting Mid-November	Focus Group meetings for each topic/product 8:00 am morning meetings on a weekly basis at City Hall	
Early/Mid December	Public Workshop for: Parking (On and Off Street), Bicycling, Traffic Calming	
Early January	Public Workshop for Public Transportation and Regional Connections.	
Mid January	Public comment period closes	
Late January	Final Report released	
Mid January	Connections.  Public comment period closes	

A DETAILED SCHEDULE WILL BE MAILED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND POSTED ON THE INTERNET IN EARLY NOVEMBER





#### **Conclusion:**

- Break-out Sessions
  - Boston Technology Working Group
  - Next Generation Projects
- Report on Discussion



